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**Applicants** : Gregory Pinchasik et. al.  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Sir:

This paper is filed with the accompanied Request for Continued Examination in response to a Final Official Action regarding the above-identified patent application. A petition and fee for a three-month extension of time is attached to extend the response due date to June 3, 2003.

In an effort to advance prosecution of this application, the subject matter of allowable dependent claims 8, 26, 34, and 47 is incorporated into independent claims 1, 21, 37, 67, 95 and 108. Applicants are filing a continuation application to reserve their rights to prosecute the subject matter of these claims as originally filed. Favorable consideration in view of the following amendment and remarks is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 17 of this paper.